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25X1 1. [] the commander of the 3 Fleet of the Chinese Communist navy was LI Ch'i-ming (7812/0796/2494), [] a graduate of the Soviet Naval Academy.

25X1 2. [] the Chinese Communist 4 Fleet held maneuvers in the Mahsukuo (N 23-21, E 116-45) and Swatow area. CHOU Hsi-han (0719/1585/3352), chief of naval operations, was in charge of the maneuvers. A total of 30 ships participated in the operation, some of the vessels included were the following:

HUI HSING (1979/2502)	HAI CHU (3189/3796)
CH'EN HSING (2525/2502)	HSIN MIN (2450/3046)
CHIN HSING (6855/2502)	HSIN CHIEN (2450/1696)
CHIEM FANG (6043/2397) Numbers 13, 16, and 45	HAI HSING (3189/2502)
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25X1 3. [redacted] the naval office in Swatow ordered the CHIN HSING and two gunboats to make a daily patrol between Mahsukou and Ch'ingaoshan (N 23-28, E 117-08).
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 25X1 4. [redacted] a total of eight large and small gunboats and two motor junks were transferred to Mashanwei (N 22-07, E 113-48) to strengthen the patrol squadron in that area. One of the purposes of the patrol vessels was to check and capture armed smuggling boats.
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 25X1 5. [redacted] about 400 troops were on Lasawei (N 22-08, E 113-48). Ships at Lasawei were the gunboats KUAN CHEN AND KUAN HSIANG and a gunboat converted from the 7,000-ton transport KUEI HAI, which formerly sailed between Hong Kong and Canton.
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 25X1 6. [redacted] about 100 troops were on Tawanshan (N 21-56, E 113-44) and Hsiacwanshan (N 21-56, E 113-40). The wharves, warehouses, and barracks on Tawanshan were constructed by the Wanshan Patrol Department before it moved to Lasawei [redacted]. Several heavy artillery pieces were on the islands and a motorized fishing boat was used for defense and for communication with Santsao (N 22-02, E 113-22) and Lasawei Islands.
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 25X1 7. [redacted] less than 100 troops, equipped with artillery pieces, were on each of the following islands: Tankan, Wailingting, Neilingting (N 22-24, E 113-50), Tahengch'in (N 22-06, E 113-30), Hsiaochengch'in (N 22-08, E 113-28), and Tungao (N 22-00, E 113-42).
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 25X1 8. [redacted] units of less than 50 men of the Fishermen's Union were on each of the following islands: Miaowan (N 21-52, E 114-00), Chiap'eng (N 21-52, E 114-02), Sennmen (N 22-02, E 113-58), Erhchou (N 22-00, E 114-10), and Niut'ou (N 22-10, E 113-48).
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 25X1 9. [redacted] no units were on Ch'ik't'an (N 22-06, E 113-44), Huangmao (N 22-02, E 113-40), Wenweichou (N 21-48, E 113-56), Yaichou (N 22-02, E 113-54), or Pailli (N 21-58, E 113-44).
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 25X1 10. [redacted] the waters between Humen (N 22-49, E 113-46) and Wanshan Islands were patrolled by the following gunboats: YEN YUNG (0332/2837), CHIEH FANG (6043/2397) 1, 2, and 3, and eight armed motor fishing boats. The YEN YUNG was armed with one 25mm gun, one heavy machine-gun, and one small caliber gun. The total armament of the eight fishing boats consisted of two heavy machine-guns, four light machine-guns, and four carbines. The fishing boats had a top speed of 12 knots.
 11. The SS HAI KUEI (3189/2710), which formerly sailed between Hong Kong, Chiangmen (N 22-34, E 113-06), and Kuanghai (N 21-58, E 112-48) has been converted into a gunboat by the Chinese Communists.

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25X1. [REDACTED] the Chinese Communists made Fort Bayard (N 21-11, E 110-24), a naval base. The Communists employed about 2,000 men in building wharves and warehouses near Fort Bayard. The work was supervised by a Soviet engineer named Kan-chi-no-fu (2616/1015/6179/1133), who lived in Chinghiachiutien (0079/5478/6794/1648), Fort Bayard.

2. [REDACTED] the Chinese Communists were building piers in Lungmen (N 21- , E 108-). Two small piers were completed; each could accommodate one vessel of 1,000 tons or two vessels of 600 tons each. A larger pier was being constructed. In addition to these piers, the Communists built 23 warehouses; five for the use of the engineer department and harbor bureau, and the others for military use. The Communists were also dredging the harbor with the dredger KWANG TUNG.

3. [REDACTED] the harbor at Peihai (N 21-24, E 109-05) was being repaired. Two gunboats, six patrol boats, and eight armed motor junks were anchored in the harbor.

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] four Communist mine units were attached to the Canton River Flotilla, which was under the command of CHEN Ou (7201/2962). P'ANG Fu-hai (7894/4395/3189)

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commanded one unit based at Whampoa, SU Ting-kuang (5685/1353/0342) commanded a unit at Swatow, LIU T'ien-feng (0491/1131/7685) commanded a unit at Fort Bayard, and CH'EN Chien (7115/7002) commanded a unit at Hsinhui (N 22-34, E 113-06).

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5. [redacted] there were 40 power vessels, formerly of the Chinese Nationalist navy and built in Japan, armed with machine guns, patrolling the West River delta in the Hsinhui and T'aishan (N 22-15, E 112-48) areas.

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6. [redacted] the South China Naval headquarters sent four gunboats of about 150 tons each to patrol the Wanshan Island area for defense against sea-borne guerrilla attacks. The gunboats were the KUAN YUAN (7070/0337), KUAN SHENG (7070/4141), KUAN MAO (7070/5399), and KUAN CH'IANG (7070/1730). Each gunboat had a crew of 20 men and was equipped with one 25mm gun, two 12.7mm guns, and one Soviet-type small caliber gun.

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7. [redacted] the headquarters for Chinese Communist units on the islands in the Pearl River Delta was on Lasawei (N 22-08, E 113-48). Units of the 3 River Defense Battalion and the Wanshan command post of the Kwangtung River Defense Command, both of which had headquarters on Lasawei, were equipped with two gunboats, the AN FENG (1344/6265) and the HAI O (3189/7725), four smaller gunboats, and 20 armed motor junks, which constantly patrolled the Wanshan Islands area.

25X1 8. [redacted] a battalion of the 3 Artillery Division, 15 Army Group, with 520 men, was in the Wailingting (N 22-06, E 114-02)-Tankan (N 22-02, E 114-16) area, with headquarters on Wailingting.

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9. [redacted] the Central and South Navy Headquarters established a construction company at Yulin (N 18-13, E 109-34) to consolidate the construction program and expand the training base on Hainan Island. The program included the selection of a site near Yulin for a naval training school, completion of dredging work in Yulin harbor, construction of the Yulin breakwater, establishment of navy patrols for southern Hainan and fulfillment of the building requirements of the naval base.

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10. [redacted] the Kwangsi Navigation Bureau ordered the Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19) Navigation Office to mark the waterway from Kuanfa (7070/4589), Wuchou, to T'ankungmiao (3389/0361/1680) as the mooring area for vessels engaged in overseas traffic. The Wuchou Navigation Office maintained jurisdiction over vessels within the mooring area. Vessels operating on regular overseas schedules were to dock at the New West Jetty, and vessels not operating on regular overseas schedules at Kuanfa.

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11. [redacted] all boats at Wuchou were required to register with the military commission and the marine police. Boats entering or leaving the Wuchou area were required to clear with the military commission, the marine police, the inspection authorities, and customs. The hiring and firing of personnel had to be reported to the authorities.

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